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1. The Bernsdorfer Metallwarenfabrik in Vienna delivered nickel in powder form to the Oberspreewerk for the last time in the first half of 1949. Source does not know why the deliveries ceased. Old wartime stocks of nickel oxalate, which were not particularly large and are now almost all used up, were still on hand at the Oberspreewerk and were used in manufacturing after the other supplies had been exhausted. Consequently, a search was made for a suitable substitute material available in the East Zone. It is not known exactly what stocks are now on hand. It should be noted, however, that small quantities of nickel powder can occasionally be procured, a fact which alleviates to some extent manufacturing bottlenecks.

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